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1. NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA--
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CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED FURTHER DETAILS OF PROXIMITY
TALKS AND AGREED THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO
BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA AS SOON AFTER DEC. 27 AS
POSSIBLE. THE BRITISH USED THE ADVANCEMENT IN INVITATION
DATE TO SUGGEST THAT FRONTLINE AND OTHERS NOT BE NOTIFIED
OF PLANS FOR TALKS UNTIL SEVERAL DAYS AFTER INVITATIONS

HAVE BEEN EXTENDED. SINCE OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED THAT ADVANCE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE MIGHT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEPT, USUN AGREED TO UK POSITION. AMB MC HENRY PRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT EARLY PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AVOID DANGER OF SELECTIVE LEAKING AND SNIPING, BUT OTHERS IN THE GROUP OPPOSED THAT POSITION AND THE MATTER WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 5800)

2. ASEAN'S PERFORMANCE DURING 32ND GA--

THROUGHOUT THE GA THE SALIENT CHARACTERISTIC OF ASEAN'S PERFORMANCE WAS AN AVOIDANCE OF CONTROVERSY. EXCEPT FOR THE PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 33RD GA IN MANILA., THERE WERE NO INITIATIVES LAUNCHED NOR ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED. THE FIVE NATIONS ROUTINELY CONSULTED AMONG THEMSELVES AND TRIED TO VOTE AS A BLOC. THEIR SUCCESS IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, WAS DUE MORE TO A FORTUITOUS LACK OF CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH MIGHT HAVE PULLED THEM IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS THAN ANY STRONG SENSE OF UNITY. THEY USUALLY VOTED WITH THE GROUP OF 77 AND THUS, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, AGAINST US. THIS VOTING PATTERN, HOWEVER, WAS MORE AN INDICATION OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE G-77 THAN IT WAS A REFLECTION OF ASEAN RELATIONS WITH THE US. ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US, SUCH AS GUAM, AND PUERTO RICO, THE ASEAN DELEGATES, AT OUR URGING, CONFIDENTIAL

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MODERATED THEIR POSITION. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 5793)

3. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT--

THE SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED TO ALL UN DELEGATIONS A PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY AND THE UK. A FIRST VERSION OF A DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION HAS BEEN PREPARED ALSO BY THE AUSTRALIAN, CANADIAN, NETHERLANDS AND NORWEGIAN DELEGATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5799)

4. OVERVIEW MECHANISM--

G-77 IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (TO ESTABLISH AGENDA AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OVERVIEW MECHANISM) "LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY," BUT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT MID-FEBRUARY AT LATEST. ACCORDING TO JAMAICANS, ANY LATER WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING ON UNIDO AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. PAKISTANIS NOTED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING OVERVIEW STARTED ON GOOD FOOTING AND, HENCE,

NEED TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES FOR INITIAL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. IN THEIR VIEW, "PROBLEMS OF POOREST COUNTRIES" MIGHT BE THEME WHICH WAS NOT IN ITSELF CONTENTIOUS AND ON WHICH REAL PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD.

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ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS HAD PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING THE TEXT OF THE EC STATEMENT ON JOINING IN THE CONSENSUS ON THE RESOLUTION, IT ALSO MADE AN INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT, UNCLEARED WITH EC PARTNERS, WHICH TOOK A NOTABLY DIFFERENT LINE, AT TIMES IN CONFLICT WITH SOME EC AND US UNDERSTANDINGS. NETHERLANDS SUBMITTED OWN VIEW OF SUBJECTS FOR ATTENTION OF OVERVIEW BODY, INCLUDING COMMODITIES AND COMMON FUND; DEBT; IMPLEMENTATION OF CIEC; MTN "AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE"; INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND ENERGY. IT ALSO SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO SET TIME FRAMES FOR OTHER NEGOTIATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5775)

5. REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY--

IN COURSE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, US, WITH SUPPORT OF FRANCE AND FRG, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING JORDAN'S COMMITTEE 2 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON REVERSE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (BRAIN
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DRAIN) AMENDED. AFTER ADOPTION, USDEL MADE STATEMENT THAT IT UNDERSTOOD "EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS" TO INCLUDE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN PLENARY, THE JORDANIAN DELEGATE MADE STATEMENT EXPRESSING VIEW UNCTAD IS PARTICULARLY WELL PLACED TO SERVE AS LEAD AGENCY WITHIN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF SUCH POLICY ISSUES AS COMPENSATION SCHEMES, COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND APPROACHES FOR PROMOTING COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE IN THE UTILIZATION OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN THE THIRD WORLD. LATER, HE TOLD USDEL THAT HOSE REMAKRS WERE MADE AT STRONG URGING OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, WHICH HAD SAID HE WAS "TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THEM." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5786)

6. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE--

IT IS NECESSARY TO RESCHEDULE THE MEETING OF THE OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE BECAUSE THE LOS INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM GENEVA TO NEW YORK, AND THE SECRETARIAT HAS PROPOSED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEET IN NEW YORK FEB. 13-MARCH 3. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 5798)

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7. NORTHERN MARIANAS INAUGURAL CEREMONY--

BOTH TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL PRESIDENT BYATT AND 1975 VISITING MISSION CHAIRMAN MURRAY REGRET THEY CANNOT ATTEND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS INAUGURAL CEREMONY, BUT HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT.(USUN 5797)

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8. WESTERN SAHARA AND MAURITANIA--

THE UN CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF TWO LETTERS FROM LIBYA:
1) DRAWING THE SCCCJS ATTENTION TO THE "BARBARIC RAIDS" OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE AND FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER'S STATEMENTS AND FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE (S/12500), AND 2) TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A CABLE FROM THE LIBYAN FOREIGN SECRETARY TO THE SYG CONCERNING THE "SAVAGE BOMBARDMENT" AGAINST THE SAHRAWI PEOPLE BY THE FRENCH AIR FORCE AND EXPRESSING THE HOPE HAT THE SYG WILL INTERVENE

URGENTLY AND TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO END THESE DANGEROUS FRENCH ACTS (A/32/"494). ANOTHER LETTER TO THE SC PRESIDENT FROM THE MAURITANIAN PERMREP (S/12502) DREW ATTENTION TO THE EXTREMELY TENSE SITUATION CREATED AND MAINTAINED IN MAURITANIA BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE DECEMBER 1975. IT DESCRIBED NUMEROUS ALGERIAN ATTACKS, RESERVED THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AN SC MEETING, AND STATED THAT MAURITANIA WILL NOT HESITATE TO TURN FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

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